



## ***77<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of Soil and Water Conservation District Directors***

### ***Monday, October 23rd***

**10:00 a.m – 6:00 p.m. Registration - Expo Registration Desk**

- 8:00 a.m.** ATSWCD Board of Directors Meeting – *Floral B3*
- 8:00 a.m.** Texas Conservation Association for Water and Soil Meeting - *Floral Hall A1*
- 9:00 a.m.** Joint Meeting: ATSWCD & TCAWS – *Floral B2*
- 10:30 a.m.** Public Information and Education Committee – *Floral B3*
- 11:30 a.m.** Soil & Water Stewardship Committee - *Floral B3*
- 1:00 p.m.** Texas Association of Watershed Sponsors - *Vine Room*
- 1:00 p.m.** Resolutions Committee - *Floral B3*
- 2:00 p.m.** Association of Texas District Employees - *Floral Hall A2*
- 2:00 p.m.** Invitational Meeting “Committee of 100” - *Vine Room*
- 3:00 p.m.** Area Discussion Sessions
  - Area I: *Floral B2*
  - Area II: *Floral B1*
  - Area III: *Ivy 1*
  - Area IV: *Ivy 2*
  - Area V: *Vine Room*
- 5:30 p.m.** Meet and Greet - *Moody Ballroom*
- 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.** Dinner & ATSWCD Live Auction - *Moody Ballroom*

### ***Auxiliary Events***

#### ***Tuesday, October 24th***

Business Meeting and Tour of Moody Gardens Rainforest Pyramid

- 1:45 p.m.** Buses Depart for Rainforest Pyramid
- 2:00 p.m.** Tour Begins
- 3:00 p.m.** Buses Depart for Moody Gardens
- 3:15 p.m.** Business Meeting, *Viewfinders Terrace*

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**8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Registration - Expo Registration Desk**

**7:00 a.m.** Area Association Officer Breakfast - *Garden Terrace*

**7:30 a.m.** Resolutions Committee - *Bluebonnet-Jasmine Room*

**8:30 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.** General Session - *Moody Ballroom*

-Presiding: José Dodier Jr., *Chairman, Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board*

-National Anthem: Kenda Mahaffey, *Bedias Creek SWCD & Freestone SWCD*

-Presentation of Colors: Ball High School JROTC

-Pledge of Allegiance

-Invocation

-Welcome to Galveston: Honorable Ken Clark, *Commissioner, Precinct 4*

-Keynote Address: Senator Lois Kolkhorst, District 18

-Presentation of FFA Soil and Water Stewardship Public Speaking Contest State Winner

-Texas Brigades, Natalie Wolff, *Executive Director, Texas Brigades*

-ATSWCD Presentation, Volney Hough

-TCAWS Presentation, Glen Lyon

-Earth Team Volunteer Award

-Address: Salvador Salinas, *State Conservationist, USDA-NRCS*

**10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.** Breakout Session

***Top Texas Landowner Laws - Vine Room***

Presented by: Jim Bradbury, *James D. Bradbury PLLC*

**12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.** Awards Luncheon - *Moody Ballroom*

**1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.** Breakout Sessions

***Room 1 - Ivy 1***

-Pesticide Drift - Phoenix Rogers, *Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service, Galveston County*  
(1 hour CEU)

-Veterinary Feed Directive - Dr. Thomas Hairgrove, DVM, *Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service*

***Room 2 - Vine Room***

-Texas Eminent Domain Laws - Zach Brady, *Brady & Hamilton, LLP*

-Border Security - Major Victor Escalon, *Texas Rangers*

***Room 3 - Ivy 2***

-Texas Fever Tick Issues - Dr. T.R. Lansford III, DVM, *Texas Animal Health Commission*

-Feral Hogs - Tyler Fitzgerald, *Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service, Chambers County*  
(1 hour CEU)

***Room 4 – Floral B2***

-Landscape Planning: A Watershed Approach to Targeting Local Resource Concerns, Lori Ziehr and Alan Stahnke, *USDA-NRCS*

-Locally Led Conservation: Conservation Needs Assessment, Salvador Salinas and Kristy Oates, *USDA-NRCS*

**4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. Business Sessions**

-Texas Conservation Association for Water and Soil - *Floral Hall A*

-Association of Texas Soil and Water Conservation Districts - *Floral Hall A*

**4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. NRCS Employee Meeting – *Floral B2***

***Wednesday, October 25th***

**8:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.** Conservation Tour, Buses depart from Convention Center at 8:30 a.m.  
*Behind the Scenes of Conservation Practices at Moody Gardens*

President and CEO of Moody Gardens, John Zendt will give participants a tour of the water treatment process and facility on grounds at the Moody Garden Hotel. Next, participants will meet with Animal Husbandry Manager, Greg Whittaker to learn about the conservation efforts in which Moody Gardens is involved.